## Entertainment Extra by Evelyn

## DEAR DIANE

by Diane Van Arsdale

DEAR DIANE:

In the past, my family and I have had basically a good relationship. Lately, however, there's nothing but trouble going on. Everyone talks about everyone else, and no one gets along anymore. Of course, "family" is always a very important part of one's life, but when it gets to the point where it's nothing but a headache, a person must make a decision as to how to deal with it. The victim in this case is my mother, and I cannot stand back anymore and let this happen. Also, I believe my relatives are going to have a field day with my mother after our family reunion is over this summer. She has always been the best mother in the world, and has been nothing but good to ALL of us. She filled our lives with so much love and joy. I've tried to understand where the others are coming from with some of their remarks, but the same conclusion comes to mind every time. They are jealous of our mother and I believe they always have been. She's smart, beautiful, and strong. These combined qualities are what set that jealousy off. I haven't made a decision as to what I will do when that day arrives, whether I'll attend the reunion or not. If, indeed, I do attend, they're going to have a rude awakening. I am one who speaks my mind and doesn't mince words. At whatever cost, I must protect the person who has given me the strength to achieve the impossible, and the courage to succeed. Should I convince her not to go, and save her from the humiliation, or just go and support her in the event my intuition is correct? What would you suggest under such conditions?

LIVID

DEAR LIVID:

If you think there's going to be trouble, I suggest you and your mother avoid it. Some families are never happy unless there's some sort of strife and they'll create it and wallow in it. It sounds rather perverse, but it's true. You and your mother don't have to buy into that. Believe me, once your mother is removed as a target, they'll find someone else on whom to vent their poison. Let them just consume themselves in it, and leave it at that.

## DEAR DEX

by Dexter Dyer

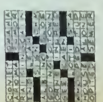
DEAR DEX:

I'm from a small town in the south, and the economy here is not good, and there are no good paying jobs. My wife and I have two children now, and I just found out that a third is on the way. We hadn't planned on having another child until we were on our feet again. We're going through some rough times and to have another child at this point would be disastrous. We barely get by now, and I have no idea how we would manage with another. I don't necessarily want to ask my wife about an abortion but I don't see any other way at this point. I personally would love to have another child, just not now. I would hate to bring children into a world that would be hard and rough. Are there any alternatives available to me that I haven't thought of?

DESPERATE

DEAR DESPERATE:

Actually there are several options you haven't considered. The most drastic are adoption or foster care. However, I will go on the assumption that these are out of the question, if anything else can possibly be worked out. I think the best thing to do is contact your local social services agency. Ask about what public assistance would be available to you and your family. Chances are good that you qualify for food stamps or perhaps even welfare. Please don't think of these things as charity. These programs are available to offer a helping hand when needed. Don't let pride stand in the way. After all, this is what you pay taxes for. I would also suggest that you and your wife go to your local Planned Parenthood agency and ask about birth control so you can avoid unwanted pregnancies. This excellent organization provides medical care to those in need, often at little or no charge. Good luck and my prayers are with you.



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by Ralph & Terry Kovel

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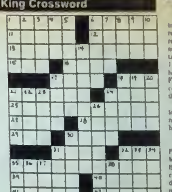

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1 Have envious wishes
6 City in Nebraska
11 Redolence
12 Grapevine product
13 Causing a ruckus
15 Final event
16 Daughter of Laban
17 Token
18 Electrical unit
21 Animal lacking in color
24 Blackthorn fruit
25 Enjoying oneself
27 French river
28 Habituated
29 Junior's gasp
30 French city
31 French author Pierre —
32 R.R. stop
35 Caroused
39 Theater audience collectively
40. Book by Adm. Byrd
41 Made a choice
42 Ed Norton's milieu

DOWN
1 Package for Europe
2 Algerian city
3 Empty
4 Prussian spa
5 Following
6 Cathedral feature
7 Quite a bit
8 Candlenut tree
9 — polloi
10 Alder tree (Scot.)
14 Deal with (with)
17 — qua non
18 Swan genus
19 Julia Ward or Elias
20 Repair
21 Eager
22 Knowledge
23 Twining stem
24 Stupefy
26. Iroquoian Indians
30 Contended
31 Misplace
32 Put away
33 Test the pitch
34 Imitator
35 Jerome Kern song
36 High school dance
37 Not present
38 Island (Fr.)

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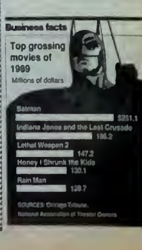




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by Clea & Brad Conrad

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